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SUBJECT: NORTHERN IRELAND: BOMBERS STRIKE LONDON AND  
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1. ENGLAND WAS SHAKEN BY SERIES OF BOMB ATTACKS JANUARY 27, APPARENTLY CARRIED OUT BY PROVISIONAL IRA. SIX BOMBS IN LONDON AREA AND ONE IN MANCHESTER DEPARTMENT STORE LEFT 26 PEOPLE INJURED AND SEVERAL COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS DESTROYED OR HEAVILY DAMAGED. TWO OTHER EXPLOSIVE DEVICES DISCOVERED IN LONDON WERE SUCCESSFULLY DISARMED BY POLICE.

2. PRESS REPORTS THAT MOST DEVICES WERE SMALL, IN TEN-POUND RANGE, AND THAT MANCHESTER BOMB CONTAINED INCENDIARY DEVICE AS WELL. ACCORDING TO PRESS, WARNINGS IN AT LEAST 5 CASES WERE TELEPHONED TO NEWSPAPERS BY PERSONS IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES AS MEMBERS OF IRA.

3. COMMENT: WHILE IT WOULD APPEAR THAT WAVE OF BOMBINGS INDICATES PROVISIONAL IRA HAS REJECTED POSSIBILITY OF NEW  
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CEASE FIRE WHICH HAS BEEN ANTICIPATED BY BRITISH OFFI-

CIALS (REFTEL), SOME OBSERVERS SUGGEST THAT THESE BOMBINGS MAY BE PART OF FINAL PROVISIONAL OPERATION BEFORE CEASE FIRE. NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE, WHILE DISHEARTENED BY LAST NIGHT'S ATTACKS, HAS NOT GIVEN UP HOPE THAT PROVISIONAL IRA WILL DECLARE TRUCE. ENTIRE SITUATION, HOWEVER, IS CLOUDED BY REPORTS THAT PROVISIONALS IN REPUBLIC HAVE MADE CEASE FIRE AT LEAST PARTIALLY CONTINGENT ON IRISH GOVERNMENT CONCESSIONS TO IRA CONVICTS AT PORT-LAOISE PRISON. END COMMENT.

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